



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

September 21, 2015 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, WIRCH, LASSA, RISSER, RINGHAND and HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representatives C. TAYLOR, BARCA, HEBL, SINICKI, KOLSTE, DOYLE, WACHS, MASON, POPE, BOWEN, RIEMER, SPREITZER, JORGENSEN, ZAMARRIPA, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, HESSELBEIN, BROSTOFF, SUBECK and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1 **To create** section 27 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** the public's right to
2 access governmental records (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2015 legislature on first consideration, provides that the people have the right to access, inspect, and copy records of governmental bodies, except as the public interest requires.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

5 [Article I] Section 27. The people have the right to access, inspect, and copy
6 records of governmental bodies, except as the public interest requires.

7 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional
8 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
9 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
10 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

